



## WRECKED IN ALASKA

**John Currier and Cargo  
Total Loss.**

**BUT NO LIVES ARE LOST**

**The Alaska Fishermen's Packing  
Co's. Entire Pack on Ocean's  
Bottom.**

**FULLY COVERED BY INSURANCE**

**Loss of Ship and Cargo Will Amount to  
\$170,000—H. W. Rinn Sends Down  
News from Seward, Alaska—Revenue  
Cutters Will Be Sent to Survivors.**

Rinn's Telegram to Company.  
SEWARD, Alaska, August 22.—Ship ashore at Nelson's lagoon. August 9; all hands safe; ship and cargo a total loss; provisions to September 1; have taken matter up with custom house here for transportation; will wire results; remain here three days; Young with me.

With 30,000 cases of salmon aboard, valued in the neighborhood of \$140,000, belonging to the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, the American ship John Currier, went ashore in Nelson's Lagoon in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, on Aug. 9. The ship and cargo are a total loss but the 240 passengers and crew aboard were all saved. Captain Murchison had his wife and children on board the Currier. Many of the passengers are residents of Astoria.

The salmon pack was fully covered by insurance. The news was telegraphed to the local office of the packing company yesterday morning from Seward, Alaska.

Instead of the John Currier arriving yesterday as was expected it was the news that she had been wrecked which greeted the officials of the company and the relatives and friends of those on board. She was eagerly looked forward to yesterday and the news of the disaster was a severe blow to the company and all day the office was filled by people asking about relatives and friends and those who dropped in to express their feeling to the representatives of the company.

In addition to the loss of the salmon pack the John Currier, which was owned by the California Shipping Co. and leased by the Alaska Company was valued at \$30,000. There is also an undetermined loss of the gear and fishing apparatus belonging to the company which was on board. Coupled with a short season and numerous incidents of bad luck the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company seems to be having a hard brush with the fates all around.

H. W. Rinn, the packing company's bookkeeper, sent in the news to the office of the company yesterday from Seward, Alaska. The news was something appalling to the officers of the company here. Superintendent P. A. Burglund, who came down on the North Star last Saturday from Nushagak could scarcely believe it but the telegram from Rinn told the facts in short terse phrases. On August 4 the North Star had towed the Currier to sea; five days after she was a total wreck. The North Star left on August 6 and must have passed the ill-fated vessel sometime before her disaster.

It is supposed that H. W. Rinn, who

had with him Dan Young, secured passage on the mail steamer Dora from Nelson's Lagoon to Seward, where the telegraph station is located. He says that there is provision to last until September 1 but the 240 who were aboard the ship and who are now on a bleak Alaskan shore will have their share of hardship before rescued by the revenue cutters, which have been notified and whose aid has been asked.

Superintendent Burglund who is familiar with the waters where the Currier went ashore said yesterday: The waters where the Currier went ashore said yesterday:

"The only way that the wreck can be explained is that the Currier got lost in the dense fog banks which are always present and being without observation for several days she was clear off her bearing, probably thrown near the shore by the current which sets in there.

"There is nothing I care to say as to the future operations of the company. The pack was fully insured and we hope that our present hard luck will be offset by a better season next year.

"As regards the effect of the loss of 30,000 cases will have on the general market I think that of course it will have a tendency to raise prices."

Immediately on receipt of the news from Rinn, Secretary Noonan wired the ship owners in San Francisco and also Seid Beck in Portland, who is interested in the 130 Chinamen on board the Currier. Dispatches were also sent to Washington by Collector of Customs Carnahan asking that the government take steps to send revenue cutters to the rescue of the wrecked crew and passengers.

The ship John Currier was a wooden vessel of 1912 tons net. Her dimensions were: Length, 235.8 feet; beam, 42.8 feet; depth, 26.8 feet. She was built at Newburyport, Mass., in 1882, and was owned by the California Shipping Company of San Francisco. She was chartered by the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company last spring for the season.

## SEATTLE AFTER RATS

**Doctors Follow Astoria's Quarantine Officer's Lead.**

**TO GUARD AGAINST PLAGUE**

**Corporations and Dock Owners Are Asked to Co-operate in the Work—Day Will Be Set Apart for the Work and Will Be Called Rat-Killing Day.**

SEATTLE, August 22.—War is to be waged on rats in Seattle if the plans of physicians of this city mature. The prevalence of the bubonic plague at San Francisco has aroused the medicals of Seattle who are now urging the board of health to conduct a campaign for the extermination of rats as a preventive of the spread of the plague. A general slaughter in which all the business men will be asked to participate is the plan of the doctors and the plan has met with general approval on the part of the commission men and owners of wharves.

Corporations and individuals owning the wharves along the waterfront will be asked to join in the campaign. The wooden structures along the waterfront are the best of breeding grounds for the disease and it is believed if they were thoroughly cleaned much danger of any disease would be eliminated. The commission house brokers have offered to help in the crusade and if the aid of the board of health is obtained, a day will be set aside for the killing of the rats which will be known as rat-killing day.

**TO BAR RACE BETTING.**

SACRAMENTO, Cal., August 22.—The board of directors of the State Agricultural Society has decided that no betting on races shall be allowed at the State Fair this year and that only soft drinks may be sold on the grounds. No return checks will be given. There is not one inch of space to be had in the pavilion.

## NO FAULT OF CASHIER

**Bank Officials More Culpable Than Morris.**

**ARREST IS THREATENED**

**Received Deposits With Knowledge of Tottering Securities of Institution.**

**PAY DEPOSITORS IN FULL**

**Receiver Devlin Has Faith in Ability of Bank to Make Good—Cashier Morris is in East to Sell Securities and Place Bank on Its Feet—Directors Scapegoat.**

PORTLAND, August 22.—The charge is freely made today in connection with the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank that certain officials of the company let it become known to friends that the bank was in bad shape and a partial substantiation of the report is had in the alleged fact that \$30,000 in deposits were withdrawn from the institution Monday and Tuesday.

These reports bearing upon the alleged questionable business methods of the management aroused great indignation among the 14,000 depositors who were on the concern's books. Demands for the arrest of certain officials of the bank today led to the preparation of complaints by the district attorney's office. The warrants however, have not been issued, pending further investigation.

The failure of the bank caused consternation among thousands of poor people whose savings were deposited with the bank, and a mass meeting of unfortunates has been called to devise ways and means for the mutual protection of their interests.

District Attorney John Manning is now traveling to Portland on horseback from Carson Springs, on the Upper Columbia, to take personal charge of the case. He telephoned from the resort early this morning to Deputy District Attorney Adams to prepare complaints against the officials of the bank and to also prepare warrants. Manning sent orders to Patrick Maher, special detective of the district attorney's office, to

see that none of the officials undertook to leave. Detective Maher is now locating the bank officers and is preparing to have Morris apprehended in the east. The securities which Morris took east to convert into cash, bonds amounting to about \$900,000, are now on their way back to Portland. It is also reported the cashier is accompanying them.

Early this morning the District Attorney's office was besieged with depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings Banks, who demanded immediate prosecution of the officials. These depositors carried accounts from \$10 upward.

Many of the employees of the bank are discharged, only a sufficient number have been retained to assist Receiver Devlin in handling the affairs of the concern.

While some of the directors freely charge Cashier W. Cooper Morris with violating the banking rules in buying huge blocks of bonds and loaning money to enterprises in which he is alleged to have been interested, other bankers declare that nothing but gross, if not criminal negligence, on the part of the directors could have made such manipulation of depositors' money possible. The friends of Morris warmly defend his course.

The assertion is openly made that directors were not kept in the dark regarding any alleged questionable enterprises of the cashier. It is understood that Morris is now enroute to the East where he went to dispose of large blocks of securities in the endeavor to place the bank upon its feet.

Receiver Devlin expressed the belief today that depositors will be paid full.

## FLOAT STRANDED SHIP.

**Attempt Will Be Made Today on the Saloma.**

OCEAN PARK, Wash., August 22.—If conditions are favorable an attempt will be made Friday to float the four-masted schooner Saloma, of San Francisco, wrecked three miles north of here last February. Considerable excavating has been done around the Saloma, and a device arranged to keep the sand from floating in with the water. On Friday the highest tide of the year will be experienced, which will reach the Saloma. At present she stands high and dry, and sits in about nine feet of sand. The steam schooner Acme, of San Francisco, will attempt to pull the Saloma off by means of a long cable.

The three-masted schooner Zampa now running between Portland and San Francisco, was pulled off the sand near the same place three years ago. The Saloma is in good condition, and has been bought by a company.

The man in charge of the work of floating her is Captain Stream, of San Francisco.

## STRUCK BY TRAIN.

SAN MATEO, Cal., August 22.—M. Kelley, an aged man of this place, was struck by the southbound train at the junction of First Avenue and the railroad track yesterday afternoon. He was not seriously injured.

## LAST BIT OF POWER FALLS

**Chief Dinan Hands Resignation to New Board.**

**SCHMITZ' RULE IS OVER**

**Mayor Taylor's Appointees Take Place and Accept Chief's Resignation.**

**ANDERSON IS ACTING CHIEF**

**Large Crowd Gathers to Witness Surrender to Old Board—Dinan Makes Statement That he Resigned so That Friends on the Force Wouldn't Suffer**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 22.—At 2:30 this afternoon Commissioners Leggett, Sweigert, Cutler and Kiel filed into the board room where a large crowd was collected, and took their seats facing the five captains of the departments and captain of detectives. W. D. Kollymer, Mayor Taylor's legal advisor, presented to Secretary Skelly certificates of their appointments and as the names were called each took their official seat.

The first business was short and was the formal resignation of Chief Dinan which was accepted on motion of Cutler. Dinan was given 30 days' leave with pay, "in view of past services."

Captain Anderson, the ranking officer of the force, was elected acting chief.

At a meeting of the old board of police commissioners which was removed by Mayor Taylor it was practically decided to relinquish the office this afternoon to the new board appointed by Taylor. Chief Dinan prepared his resignation and handed it to the new board this afternoon. It is understood he will be succeeded by Detective Anderson.

Immediately before the assembling of the new police commission this afternoon the surrender of the old board was announced to the newspaper men by its attorney, Frank J. Murphy.

After resigning his office this afternoon Chief Dinan made a public statement in which he asserted the charges made by the Mayor in his communication to the police commissioners are merely a reiteration of the charges previously made. Dinan states they are as he said before false though the Mayor may not be apprised of the fact.

Dinan says he retired from the office because it is the obvious desire of the new administration he do so and he believes his insisting on remaining would be only to jeopardize the rights and interests of his many friends in the department. Dinan says he leaves the department without a single enemy.

## THE WAGES OF SIN.

**Notorious Woman of Southern California Killed by Companion.**

SAN DIEGO, August 22.—Viola Brackett, one of the most notorious women of Southern California and known here as the "Queen of Chinatown," was instantly killed here this afternoon by a man who shot her twice in the body and head and stabbed her in the neck. The man then turned the weapon on himself, inflicting wounds which will prove fatal. He has not been identified.

The woman is known throughout the south as the "Woman of the Town." She was once married to a Chinaman and secured his property. She owned property in Chinatown here and also in the "Right Light" districts of San Bernardino, Phoenix and Prescott.

## PANAMA CASE PUT OFF.

PORTLAND, August 22.—After taking testimony of seven witnesses in the City of Panama-Alliance case yesterday, United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller postponed the investigation until September 2, as they were under the impression the City of Panama would sail for San Francisco at 9 o'clock this morning. It was subsequently learned, however, that the steamer would not leave until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Little additional information throwing light on the collision came out further than that given by Captain H. T. Groves, superintendent of the Port of Portland dredges. The other six witnesses to testify were Captain J. L. Turner, pilot on the Alliance; Captain G. M. Jensen, master of the Geo. W. Elder; Captain A. W. Nelson, master of the City of Panama; J. Nichols, first officer of the Alliance; Captain B. W. Olsen, master of the Alliance, and Albert Young, pilot on the tug Diamond O.

## PIONEER CAPITALIST DIES

SAN JOSE, Cal., August 22.—Thomas Rea, capitalist and pioneer of Santa Clara county, and perhaps the best known man in this section of the state, died at his home in Gilroy yesterday, following an accident a week ago, in which he broke a leg. He was father of James W. Supervisor George E., and Carrie Rea, Mrs. Louis Loupe, Mrs. E. W. Strange of San Francisco, Mrs. Clara Hanna of Berkeley, and Mrs. Mary E. Pyle of Bakersfield. Mr. Rea was born in Ohio in 1820.

## LAND GRABBERS GIVEN TIME.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 22.—The sentencing of Dr. Perrin and J. A. Benson, convicted of defrauding the government out of 12,000 acres in Tehama county, went over in De Haven's court today until Monday, to give the defense time to prepare a motion for a new trial.

## COULDN'T REMEMBER

**Monser in Glass Trial Handled too Many Checks.**

**CHECKS ORDERED DRAWN**

**Attorney for Defense Could Not Break This Testimony Neither Could Heney Add to it—Zimmer's Contempt Case is Carried Over Until Monday.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 22.—E. J. Zimmer was again called to the stand in the Glass case this morning but as the attorneys were not ready with their authorities the threatened punishment for his contumacy in refusing to testify, the case went over until Monday.

Samuel A. Monser, the bookkeeper for the company, testified the company's vouchers bore the signatures of the president, vice-president, and auditor, for the president. He said he could draw checks only on the orders of some one higher up—Glass, Eaton, or Zimmer. He could not remember any particular checks as too many passed through his hands. All the stubs and stub checks which might show individual transactions had been burned up, Monser said.

Attorney Coogan for the defense attempted to secure the admission that Glass never ordered the drawing of a check. On re-direct examination Heney attempted to get witness to admit the drawing of checks for the bribed supervisor but the witness stuck to his statement that he did not remember the individual checks.

## CHOKED BY A SNAKE.

WHEELING, W. Va., August 22.—Frank Taggart, of Nicolette, came within an ace of death from a huge black snake while picking berries near his home. While walking under a tree, on a limb of which the snake was lying, it coiled about his neck and he was black in the face when his brother arrived and killed the reptile. The snake rendered him helpless.



Standard Oil—I'll try this place in hopes that I may be safe from this dreadful being who is after me!